

REMARKS

The Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed along with the Request for Continued Examination on June 21, 2007 has been found to be non-compliant under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 because the new claims should not be underlined and should not have markings.

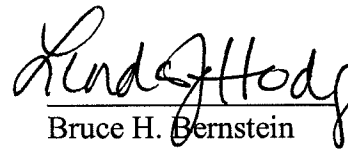
However, Applicants respectfully submit that this ground for non-compliance has been overcome by the filing on June 29, 2007 of a Supplemental Submission. In this Supplemental Submission, a listing of claims was included in which the new claims do not include any markings. Accordingly, it is believed that the ground for non-compliance has been overcome.

For the Examiner's convenience, copies of the Supplemental Submission filed on June 29, 2007 and the filing receipt are attached hereto.

Accordingly, in view of the above noted remarks, it is believed that the present response is proper and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the determination of non-compliance, and consideration of the Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed on June 21, 2007 and the Supplemental Submission filed on June 29, 2007, including an early indication of the allowance of all of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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